**Music of the Baroque Period and the Enlightenment**

Today, you will be exploring the world of the great Baroque and Enlightenment composers with the help of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Much of the classical music you know originates in this period from 1600-1750. Baroque period music was known for being extravagant and full of flourishes. Baroque period orchestras were known for their use of harpsichords, organs, and string instruments like violins, violas, and cellos. Some of the most famous composers in history lived in the Baroque period. These include Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), and George Frederick Handel (1685-1759). Many of these composers inspired the famous classical era of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) and Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827). So, now that Mr. Staten has introduced a few of the great classical pieces, such as Vivaldi’s *Winter*, Bach’s *Preludio in E Major*, and *Hallelujah* from *Messiah* by Handel, he’s going to let you explore the compositions of the Baroque and Classical period.

First, get a laptop and go to the following website: [www.dsokids.com](http://www.dsokids.com). It’s the website for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

**Second: Plug in your earbuds or headphones!**

Third: Move your mouse cursor over “Learn and Listen” and then click “Instrument”

Fourth: Read about and listen to the following instruments:

1. Cello
2. Violin
3. French Horn
4. Harpsichord
5. Organ

Fifth: Move your mouse cursor over “LISTEN” and then click “By Composer” Check out other composers that may interest you. Mr. Staten recommends:

1. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
2. Ludwig van Beethoven
3. Gustav Holst
4. John Phillip Sousa
5. Richard Wagner
6. Claude Debussy
7. Scott Joplin
8. John Williams

**Sixth: Visit** [**www.classicalkusc.org**](http://www.classicalkusc.org) **or** [**www.nyphilkids.org**](http://www.nyphilkids.org) **and have fun!**